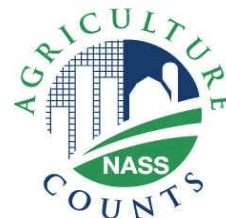




Delmarva Agriculture Data

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Weekly Broiler Chicks Report

October 3, 2012

Placements Up 2 Percent

For the week ending September 29, 2012, growers placed 10.4 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 1.7% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (9.5 million) increased 3.8% from the comparable week in 2011. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 11.5 million, an decrease of 1.8% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 9.8 million for the week ending September 22, 2012, compared to 10.4 million slaughtered during the same week in 2011.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set and Broiler Chicks Placed on Delmarva

Week Ending	Eggs Set ¹		Chicks Hatched ¹		Chicks Placed ²	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
08/04/12	11,821	12,241	9,943	9,935	11,091	10,883
08/11/12	11,588	11,682	9,925	10,022	11,173	10,946
08/18/12	11,735	11,666	9,903	10,297	10,986	11,320
08/25/12	11,499	11,811	9,726	10,296	10,703	11,206
09/01/12	11,454	11,413	9,515	9,757	10,511	10,851
09/08/12	10,874	11,285	9,807	9,705	11,349	10,732
09/15/12	10,430	11,092	9,741	9,925	10,894	10,891
09/22/12	10,668	11,481	9,703	9,659	10,757	10,760
09/29/12	11,681	11,473	9,181	9,528	10,232	10,404

¹ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

² The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

Negotiated Price for Trucklot of Ready-to-cook, Ice-pack, Grade A Fryers ¹

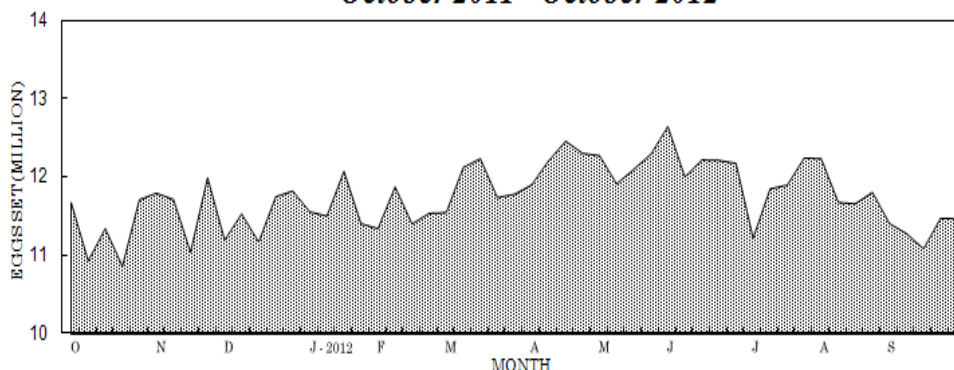
	Week Ending 10/06/12	Previous Week	Previous Month	Previous Year
	1,000 chicks	1,000 chicks	1,000 chicks	1,000 chicks
New York Weighted Avg	81.64	81.57	84.77	64.52
12-City Composite ²	82.56	82.74	84.33	72.35

¹ Source: USDA, Poultry Market News

² 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET ON DELMARVA

October 2011 - October 2012



Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	August 25, 2012	September 1, 2012	September 8, 2012	September 15, 2012	September 22, 2012	September 29, 2012
	<i>1,000 eggs</i>	<i>1,000 eggs</i>	<i>1,000 eggs</i>	<i>1,000 eggs</i>	<i>1,000 eggs</i>	<i>1,000 eggs</i>
Alabama	28,073	27,312	26,375	26,841	27,468	26,059
Arkansas	20,651	20,757	19,074	19,420	20,859	20,187
Delaware	3,286	3,259	3,143	3,155	3,153	3,142
Florida	1,349	1,347	1,353	1,088	1,353	1,351
Georgia	31,721	31,596	30,962	30,475	31,914	30,722
Kentucky	7,696	7,675	6,682	6,980	7,416	7,017
Louisiana	3,167	3,211	3,285	3,272	3,008	3,122
Maryland	7,346	6,944	6,932	7,182	7,119	7,121
Mississippi	15,751	16,386	16,740	16,489	15,600	16,447
Missouri	8,032	8,019	8,037	7,366	7,252	6,914
North Carolina	19,688	19,445	18,217	18,394	19,206	19,370
Oklahoma	6,686	6,693	6,539	6,459	6,736	6,829
Pennsylvania	3,726	3,584	3,505	3,473	3,271	3,516
South Carolina	5,265	4,721	5,402	5,513	4,852	5,300
Texas	13,446	12,784	13,495	12,533	12,786	13,655
Virginia	6,049	5,985	5,798	5,500	6,032	5,426
California, Tennessee and West Virginia	10,316	10,445	10,074	9,553	9,413	9,627
19 State Total	192,248	190,163	185,613	183,693	187,438	185,805
Previous year total	193,007	189,258	185,218	179,528	187,841	181,765
Percent of previous year	100	100	100	102	100	102

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 186 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 29, 2012. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	August 25, 2012	September 1, 2012	September 8, 2012	September 15, 2012	September 22, 2012	September 29, 2012
	<i>1,000 chicks</i>	<i>1,000 chicks</i>	<i>1,000 chicks</i>	<i>1,000 chicks</i>	<i>1,000 chicks</i>	<i>1,000 chicks</i>
Alabama	20,005	20,056	19,993	19,801	19,617	19,464
Arkansas	19,431	19,027	20,937	20,760	19,973	17,313
Delaware	4,577	4,947	4,023	4,033	3,907	4,261
Florida	1,248	1,186	1,105	1,300	972	1,215
Georgia	26,659	26,271	25,810	27,497	26,306	25,970
Kentucky	6,126	6,404	6,403	5,828	6,249	5,636
Louisiana	2,836	2,871	2,857	2,847	2,818	2,970
Maryland	5,682	5,738	6,350	5,620	5,924	5,262
Mississippi	15,202	14,397	14,411	13,447	14,178	14,355
Missouri	5,723	5,854	4,937	5,032	5,513	5,797
North Carolina	15,684	15,827	15,780	16,165	15,602	14,737
Oklahoma	4,163	4,437	3,843	4,202	4,247	4,893
Pennsylvania	2,953	2,838	3,040	3,140	2,997	2,933
South Carolina	4,587	3,847	5,263	3,871	4,373	4,424
Texas	11,873	11,439	10,614	11,183	10,801	11,209
Virginia	4,918	3,877	4,503	5,424	4,889	4,647
California, Tennessee and West Virginia	10,797	11,021	9,668	10,349	10,581	9,346
19 State Total	162,464	160,037	159,537	160,499	158,947	154,432
Previous year total	162,943	160,923	160,203	160,820	157,901	154,383
Percent of previous year	100	99	100	100	101	100

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 154 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 29, 2012. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2012 through September 29, 2012 were 6.37 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.